Madam Speaker, indeed it is an anniversary. It's about

the 80th-day anniversary since the President asked for funding for our

troops. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the

theatrics the Democratic majority is trying to pass off as some kind of

policy.

Today, Speaker Pelosi will stage an elaborate and politically timed

signing ceremony for the Iraq troop withdrawal bill Congress passed 5

days ago. As President Bush has already vowed to veto this

irresponsible legislation, Speaker Pelosi's theatrics are simply

slowing down the process of getting much needed funding and money to

our troops.

Let me remind the American people that our warfighters have been

waiting nearly 3 months for Congress to pass the President's requested

supplemental funding for the war. The Democratic leader might think a

few days here don't mean much, don't matter much. Every day they stall

to appease left-wing activists is another day our military must wait

for the funding it needs to win this war.

Madam Speaker, I admonish Speaker Pelosi to quit playing politics

with our

national security. Let Congress vote on a clean funding bill for our

troops. The Democratic leaders may be content to lose the war, but the

troops are in harm's way, and they certainly will not lose this war.